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his determination to summon the
Legislative Council for the second reading of
the Bill in the first week in July. They
urge that this is not only unprecedented, but
that there is nothing in the present sanitary
condition of the colony to justify the defeat
picture which has been drawn, based upon
statements made thirteen years ago; that
our general health conditions never were
better; that they are steadily advancing;
and that, so soon as the Tyam
water supply is brought within reach
a further and immediate improvement will
take place. In this statement and expectation
we entirely concur. During the last
three years several miles of stone and brick
sewers have been laid, and almost the whole
of these in a very superior manner. A large
number of private connections have also been
made. There will be multiplied as rebuilding
and general improvement advances. Dry
and cool weather is much more convenient
and desirable for this work than the hot wet
summer season, when the removal of
accumulated filth is more dangerous and
the works liable to be interrupted by storm
waters. In the meantime opportunity will
be afforded for reflection and further con-
sideration of the measure.

The announcement that Mr. DEANE,
Captain-Superintendent of Police, has been
granted four and a half months' leave of
absence, and that Major DENNETT, of the
Army Pay Department, who also holds the
provisional and temporary appointments of Ad-
jutant of Police, has been appointed to the
acting command of the Force, appears in the
Government Gazette. As this would appear
to be the only promotion made consequent
upon the absence of Mr. DEANE, we con-
clude that Major DENNETT undertakes the
duties of Captain-Superintendent in addition
to those of his own office as Adjutant. Thus
the Police Force of the colony is left with
only one superior or executive officer—ac-
cording to the new Police Ordinances—and
that officer only temporarily attached to the
department, and having the duties of his
substantive appointment in the Army Pay
Department to attend to. This is not as it
should be. Some extra work and respon-
sibility must fall on other shoulders than
those of Major DENNETT, or else, in the
ordinary course, there must be very little
for the Captain-Superintendent and Adjutant
of Police to do. Formerly, during the absence
of the Captain-Superintendent, the Deputy-
Superintendent, Chief Inspector, senior In-
spectors, Serge

EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The J. & O. steamer *Racema*, with the English mail of the 13th May, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 8th, and may be expected here on or about the 13th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Arcton* *Apar*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 7th, and may be expected here on or about the 18th instant.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Brannschweig*, with the German mail of the 17th May left Singapore at 8 p.m. on the 10th, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 16th instant.

STEAMER EXPECTED.
The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Denzelion* left Singapore on the 7th, and is due here on the 13th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

When Correspondence has been mis-sent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addresser need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* or, *Received at* 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster-General. This should be acted on the first time case of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of

LOCAL DELIVERY.—No delivery is attempted on board ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Aberdeen, etc., nor at any place where there is no regular mail service (as in the case) when there is a place of business nearer at which delivery can be effected.

The Postal Guide for 1886, revised to date will be found in the *Daily Press Directory*, p. 385, large edition, p. 701, small edition. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our *Extra*, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
For Swatow, Chefoo, and Tientsin.—For Kowloon, to-day, the 13th inst, at 3.30 p.m.

day, the 13th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta—Per Wingyang, to-morrow, the 14th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Noronco, Rio, and Valparaiso—Per Telamon, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 5.00 P.M.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES

PACKET

The United States Mail Packet *Oceania* will be despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 21st inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c.

It will be closed as follows:

2.15 P.M., Registry closes.

3.30 P.M., Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with a view of 12 P.M. extra Package until the time of departure.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been made, the enquires into alleged losses of such letters.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKER.
The French Contract Packet *Auxclair* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 23rd inst., with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz: Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, India, Butha, Ceylon, &c. &c. The French Packet, the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The post offices will be observed in closing the mails at 4 o'clock.

The United Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, &c., and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE MAILS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in closing the Mails, viz: by the British Contract Packet:—

Noon.—Money order Office closes.
 2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed mail and patterns ceases.
 3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
 8.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee.
 8.30 P.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.
 8.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until the time of departure.

THE FRENCH AND GERMAN MATLS.
Day before Departure.
 5 P.M., Money order Office closes, German Matls. n. s. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
Day of Departure.
 7 A.M., Post Office opens.
 8 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed mail and patterns ceases.
 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

1.13.0 A.M., 1898 may be placed with Late Post.
1.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
1.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board
the packet with Late Post of 10 Cents until
time of departure.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING
SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the
United States by a sailing ship, which is not re-
quired as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to
post the letters, in the ordinary way, marked
with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents
per half ounce. The Post Office will deliver the
letters to the hands of the captain of the ship at de-
parture and despatching the correspondence.
It is requested that the letters be posted if possible
at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

PARCEL POST TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE
BY GERMAN PACKET.

Scaled parcels not exceeding 10 lbs. in weight
may be sent in "Land" "Freight" "Post" mail.

be forwarded to the Continent of Europe by the four-weekly direct German Packets of Bremen/ahar at the rates stated below. For the parcels sent by road to the Continent, the rates for these packets, but parcels may be forwarded to certain countries, fortnightly via London or Antwerp, hereafter.

A receipt will be given for each parcel. Parcels must be marked *Ex German Packet*.

Each parcel must be sealed in such a way as to render it impossible that it should be opened without detection. The sender must supply a list of the contents, and of the gross weight of the parcel. The printed form for this declaration may be obtained at the Post Office. The parcels must be marked with the words "German Packet" and Customs label letters. (Hocks, vines, parcels of vines, liquids (unless securely packed) and dangerous or offensive goods, nor must the package be of a fragile nature.)

Parcels of six or more, weighing six cwt., may be made for Customs House purposes on the

delivery of the parcel. Except Customs duties, this is the only charge the addressee will have to pay.

Parcels must be posted before 2 P.M. on the working day next before the departure of the German Packet. For the convenience of residents at the out-ports a table of dates is published in the German Packets from Hong Kong is appended.

POSTAGE ON EACH PARCEL.
(Irrespective of weight, up to 15 lbs.)

For Germany	.....	.....
"Austria-Hungary	.....	.....
"Austria-Hungary	.....	.....
"Denmark	.....	.....
"France	.....	.....
"Germany	.....	.....
"Italy	.....	.....
"Japan	.....	.....
"Netherlands	.....	.....
"Norway	.....	.....
"Sweden and Norway	.....	.....
"Switzerland	.....	.....
"United Kingdom	.....	.....
"United States	.....	.....
"West Indies	.....	.....
"Zanzibar	.....	.....

Parcel Mails for German Packets close at Hongkong on

Dec. 24, 1887. March 19, 1887. June 9, 1887.
Dec. 24, 1887. May 16, 1887. Aug. 4, 1887.
Dec. 19, 1887. May 12, 1887. Aug. 7, 1887.

No responsibility can be accepted by the Post Office for circumstances leading to parcel opening.

or to notes addressed to subordinate officers. The sheriffs told off to sell stamps should especially not be regarded as able to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard on all points on which such information may be required.

